

**HOPKINS CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS
MAY 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting of the Hopkins City Council was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1010 1st Street South.

Mayor Hanlon called the meeting to order with Council Members Balan, Beck, Garrido and Hunke attending. Others attending included City Manager Mornson, Assistant City Manager Lenz, City Clerk Domeier, Director of Planning and Development Elverum, City Planner Krzos, Finance Director Bishop, City Attorney Cruz-Jennings and Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Balan. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

III.1. Sustainability Update; Imihy Bean

Special Projects and Initiatives Manager Imihy Bean provided an update on sustainability initiatives and accomplishments across departments. The presentation included a general update on on-going sustainability programming and recognition programs; an overview of the Hopkins Heat Vulnerability Study; and a discussion on the Hopkins Climate Solutions Fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Garrido. **Second** by Balan.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda.

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Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

V.1. First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Appendix A of the Hopkins City Code to Establish a Tree Replacement Fee; Krzos

City Planner Krzos summarized Council Report 2023-044. The City's updated Zoning Code established new provisions related to tree protection and promotion of the City's tree canopy. More specifically the code requires that if a development site has existing trees, the developer/applicant either has to retain them in place or replace the trees elsewhere. If replacing elsewhere, the code gives the option to pay a fee in lieu of actual plantings.

Mayor Hanlon opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

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Motion by Hunke. **Second** by Beck.

Motion to Close the Public Hearing.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

Motion by Beck. **Second** by Balan.

Motion to Approve a First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Appendix A of the Hopkins City Code to Establish a Tree Replacement Fee.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

VII.1. 1428 Preston Lane Rezoning and Conditional Use Permit; Krzos

City Planner Krzos stated Agape Christi Academy has run into funding hurdles and no longer wants to pursue the project. The existing church is interested in pursuing the applications. Due to the change, Mr. Krzos recommended the Council take more time to obtain information from the church before moving forward with the project.

Motion by Beck. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to direct staff to change the deadline to July 25.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Beck. **Second** by Hunke.

Motion to table the discussion of the issue to June 6.

Ayes: Balan, Beck, Garrido, Hanlon, Hunke

Nays: None. Motion carried.

VII.2. Gas and Electric Franchise Fee Update; Bishop

Finance Director Bishop provided information about franchise fees and requested feedback on renewing or increasing franchise fees beginning on January 1, 2024. Brief discussion was held about the length of the ordinance and fee structure. The consensus was to increase the fees for a five-year terms. Staff will also research options for using the funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hanlon reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule. Ms. Imihy Bean provided information on a Park Board Special Meeting scheduled for May 15.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, and upon a motion by Balan, second by Hunke, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amy Domeier, City Clerk